



FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$19,860.00 or \$106.25 each member based on a membership of 187.00. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$98.34 given to date.



PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141

PRAYER FOCUS

This weeks prayer focus: Those in households that have fear—those living with abuse, addiction or mental illness. Please hold this group of people in your prayers-praying for freedom from worry and fear, praying for hope and new beginnings.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The contribution statements for 2015 were mailed on Friday. Please check your statement and let the office know if there are any errors and/or corrections that need to be made by January 31, 2016. If you have any questions, please call the office.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord, may your life-changing presence fill us today with the power we need to properly serve you

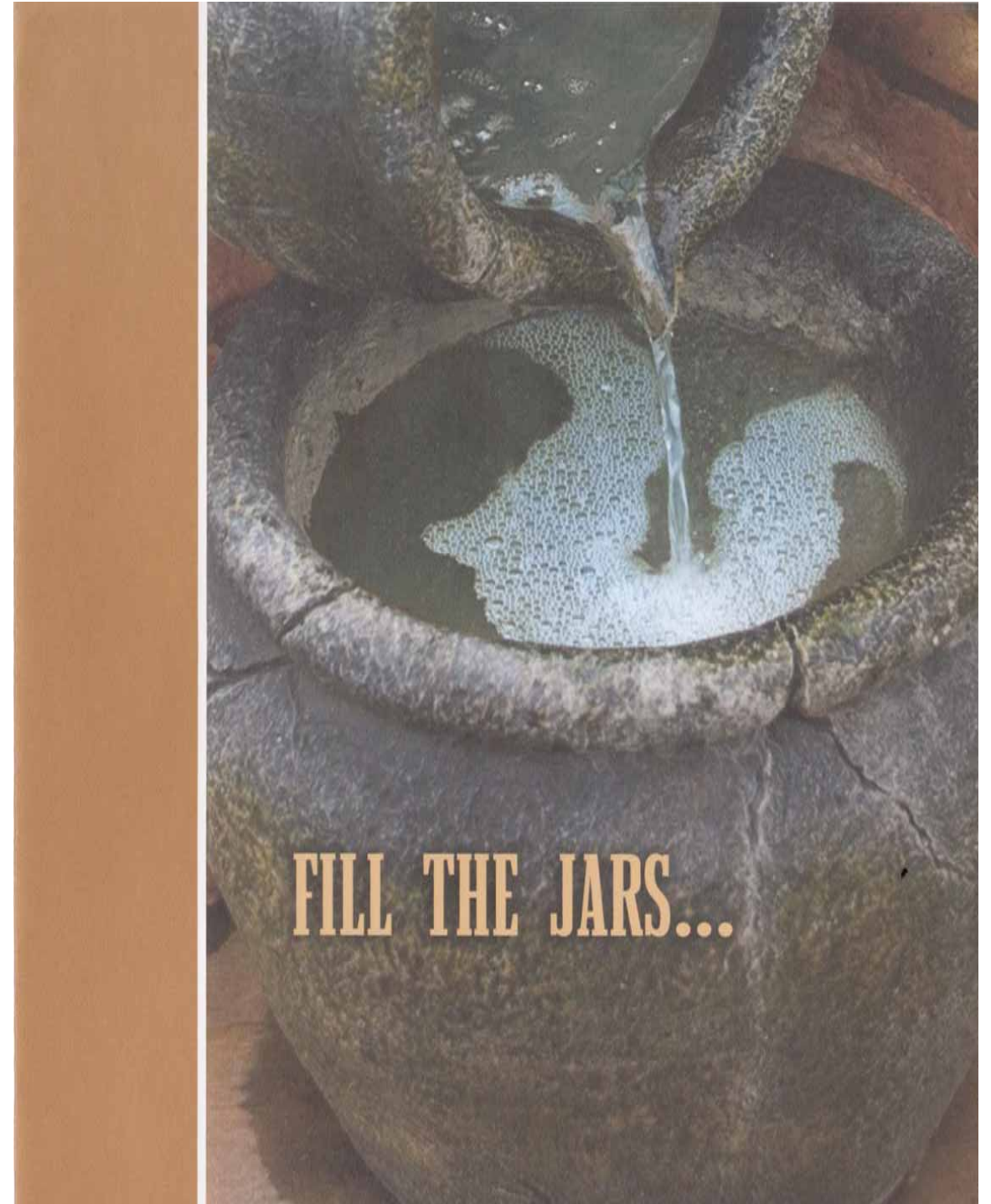
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 17, 2016

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 AM

The Church of the Neighborhood
Making Disciples of Christ to Transform the World.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship
Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRAYER PRELUDE:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Life-giving God, from the beginning of creation you made the proclamation,
“It is good.”

Purpose-giving God, you reserved precious words for the day humans were created.
“It is very good.”

Second-chance giving God, you wove into your creation signs of transformation.

**Winter transformed by spring, caterpillars transformed into butterflies,
buried seeds transformed into bountiful harvests.**

Rebirth-giving God, you chose to lift Jesus, crucified, dead and buried, to new life.

Remind us this day you still create newness out of loss and life out of death.

Remind us this day you are the God who is working for good always.

Remind us this day you can transform fears into hopes and sadness into joy.

AMEN.

***HYMN: - #89 (Blue Hymnal) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Three”**

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5 (CEB)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

SPECIAL MUSIC: “There is a Balm in Gilead” Isaac Lovdahl, Soloist

REPONSIVE PSALM: # 771 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 36:5-10

CHOIR:

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11 (CEB)

MESSAGE: “You Were Made for Joy and Hope”

TO RESPOND AND GIVE

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an
inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)

OFFERING :

***DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”**

OFFERING PRAYER:

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #526 (Blue Hymnal) “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

***BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE:

*All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in
the narthex.*

MEMBERS: Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to
the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail
addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail ad-
dress. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to
write it in again.

VISITORS: Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the
offering plate.

North Star District Prayer List for this week includes:
Grand Rapids—Alan Bolte

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Guest Organist:

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Kyle Schwartz

Reader: Margaret Wagner

Ushers: Roger & Bonnie Christopherson